

**AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE  
BETWEEN  
THE MICHIGAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH  
ADMINISTRATION (MIOSHA)  
AND  
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY (OU)**

The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) and Oakland University (OU) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster growth and professionalism of the occupational safety and health profession. To that end, MIOSHA and OU hereby form an alliance to provide MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI) Level 2 Safety and Health Management Systems (SHMS) certificate holders an opportunity to earn college credits towards a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) from OU through a MTI to BS EHS Degree Completion Program. In developing this alliance, MIOSHA and OU recognize that MIOSHA's Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division and OU's School of Health Sciences, EHS program are an integral part of this effort.

**Raising Awareness of MIOSHA Initiatives**

The participants intend to work together to achieve the following goals related to raising awareness of MIOSHA and MIOSHA's initiatives:

- Share information on OSHA's National Emphasis Programs, MIOSHA's State Emphasis Programs, Regulatory Agenda, and opportunities to participate in the rulemaking process by invitation from OU to present to EHS program students.
- Share information on occupational safety and health laws and standards, including the rights and responsibilities of workers and employers by invitation from OU to present to the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) student chapter.
- Share information on job opportunities within MIOSHA with EHS program students.

**Training and Education**

The participants intend to work together to achieve the following training and education goals:

- Ensure that MTI student transcripts and/or evidence of a valid, current MTI Level 2 certificate are provided to OU via Macomb Community College in a timely manner.
- Evaluate the application of students who are high school graduates and possess a valid MTI Level 2 SHMS certificate for admission to OU and acceptance in the MTI to BS EHS Degree Completion Program.
- Allow students seeking a BS degree with a major in EHS at OU to use MTI Level 2 SHMS certificate competency credits to satisfy part of the minimum course requirements.

- Grant students 11 EHS credits through a course competency by examination process when student has evidence of a valid, current MTI Level 2 SHMS certificate.

### Outreach and Communication

The participants intend to work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals:

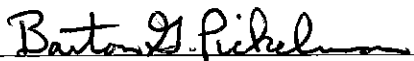
- Market and promote the MTI to BS EHS Degree Completion Program via the LARA/MIOSHA's website, Gov Delivery accounts, Facebook and Twitter accounts, press releases, MTI courses, and related MIOSHA events.
- Speak, exhibit, or appear at MIOSHA's or OU's conferences, local meetings, or other EHS program events.
- Share information about the MTI to BS EHS Degree Completion Program with MIOSHA personnel and those working as practitioners and technicians who have certifications but not degrees. This information may be shared through training programs, workshops, seminars, and lectures (or any other applicable forum) developed by the participants.
- Utilize OU input on relevant training topics for MTI courses to ensure courses align with the MTI to BS EHS Degree Completion Program. OU will have the opportunity to provide input on MTI through participation in the MTI Steering Committee, participation in feedback sessions, piloting MTI courses, responding to new initiative surveys, and reviewing participant involvement and feedback on MTI seminars.
- Work with other alliance participants on projects related to fostering growth and professionalism of the occupational safety and health profession.
- Provide MIOSHA a quarterly report of students who have been accepted into the MTI to BS EHS Degree Completion Program.

MIOSHA's alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with MIOSHA for purposes such as raising awareness of MIOSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives, training and education, and outreach and communication. These alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both MIOSHA and its alliance participants. By entering into an alliance with a party, MIOSHA is not endorsing or promoting, nor does it intend to endorse or promote, any of that party's products or services.

An implementation team made up of representatives of each organization will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the participants. In addition, they will meet at least two times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the alliance. MIOSHA team members will include representatives of the CET Division.

The alliance agreement will remain in effect for three years from the date of signing. Either signatory may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give 30 days written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the written concurrence of both signatories.

Signed this 21st day of September 2017.



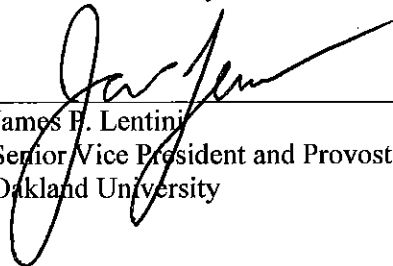
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